



**Open Space Committee
Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room
Minutes**

Thursday, January 24, 2019, 7:30pm

Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Kelsey Cowen, Ann LeRoyer, John Pickle, Wendy Richter, Emily Sullivan, and David White

Absent: Shirley Canniff, Teresa DeBenedictis, and Brian Kelder

Minutes: The minutes from the December meeting was accepted with revisions and corrections.

Open Space Budget: \$300 line item was submitted to Planning Department, Town Manager, and Finance Committee. Ann and John will briefly present reasoning for request to the Finance Committee at their February 11 meeting.

Communications: Kelsey will be taking over the Facebook posting for Jane Auger who is leaving the Open Space Committee. Kelsey and Elisabeth continued working to get updated photos for the Experiencing Arlington's Open Space website. Emily is working to contact David Fields to get access to the ESRI files used to create the website.

Picture Post: Although there is currently no budget for purchasing post caps and posts, groups to approach to install this spring are Robbins Farm Garden and Magnolia Park Community Garden.

Take-A-Walk/Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces: Brian, Wendy and John met during January to coordinate ideas to take to Adam Kurowski, Director of GIS/Systems Analyst, who has helped create the maps Wendy and team have been working with. We are aiming to have a full set of walking route maps available for Ecoweek events during April 22-28.

CPA: Emily shared that the Wellington Park Municipal Vulnerability project for flood mitigation must be completed before June 30. The construction contractor will be chosen in late February. The Town and Mystic River Watershed Association are applying to CDBG for funding to design a simple ADA-accessible walking loop in FY2020, in anticipation of submitting a proposal for funding this work through CPA in FY2021.

The CPA-funded project for the Reservoir pump house and filtering system is going out to bid next week. The goal is to start building in March/April. Also, a 60-foot pathway of porous pavement will be installed for testing.

Other News: David White will draft a letter for the OSC's review to be submitted to the sustainability subcommittee for the Arlington High School Building Project. The Friends of Fox Library asked if OSC would present at "What's Up, Arlington?", a monthly evening event at Fox Library. We are interested to do this to present the expanding Take-A-Walk work.

Next meeting: February 28

Minutes submitted by John Pickle

2019 Meeting Dates: Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 23, June 27, July/Aug TBD, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 12